



URBAN DISTRICT OF MARKET HARBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1967

Incorporating a report on the  
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VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	4,878	Number of occupied houses	4,812
Rateable Value at April 1st, 1967	£501,221	Number of Council Houses	922
Sum represented by a penny rate	£2,162	Population (mid.1967)	12,880

BIRTHS

Live births: Legitimate

Male	122
Female	125
Total	247

Illegitimate

Male	8
Female	5
Total	13

All live births

Male	130
Female	130
Total	260

Still births:

Male	1
Female	3
Total	4

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population

20.2

DEATHS

Deaths: All causes

Male	93
Female	87
Total	180

Deaths from puerperal causes

NIL

Deaths of infants under 1 week of age

Male	1
Female	3
Total	4

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population

14.0



Causes of Death:

	Registrar General's Classification	1967		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	-	1
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective & parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	-	6
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Malignant neoplasms, lymphatic & other	8	11	19
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	2	2
16	Diabetes	1	2	3
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	23	27	50
18	Coronary disease, angina	16	8	24
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	2	3
20	Other heart disease	13	9	22
21	Other circulatory disease	3	2	5
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	1	2	3
24	Bronchitis	6	1	7
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	2	2
26	Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of the prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	2	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	8	16
33	Motor Vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	3	2	5
35	Suicide	2	2	4
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total deaths, all causes		93	87	180



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CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Tuberculosis.

There was one death from tuberculosis during the year.

Four new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified.

Other infectious disease.

The following cases were notified:-

Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	15
Whooping Cough ..	...	...	12
Dysentery	...	...	1
Food poisoning ..	...	...	3
Acute pneumonia..	...	...	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS.

No formal action was necessary during 1967.



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### Water Supply.

The water supply of the district continues to be satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were no shortages during 1967. Two samples were taken for bacteriological examination and were sterile.

Only one occupied house in the district is still dependent on a private well for its water supply. This water was also tested and found to be satisfactory.

There have been no major extensions of public water supplies.

### Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No extensions to sewers carried out other than normal minor extensions to meet housing development needs.

Construction of an additional humus tank at the Sewage Disposal Works was completed in 1967.

### Public Cleansing.

House refuse is collected weekly by direct labour and disposed of by controlled tipping. This service is administered by the Engineer & Surveyor.

The Health Department operates the trade refuse collection scheme. A yearly charge of £2.5.0. is made for the weekly collection of one dustbin, or its equivalent, of trade refuse. 261 bins per week are collected from 152 trade premises.

Dustbins for the storage of house refuse are supplied by the Department at an annual hire charge of 6/- per bin. At the end of 1967, 2,669 Council dustbins were in use at 2,498 properties other than Council-owned premises.

### Inspection of the Area.

Number of complaints received ... 538

Premises at which defects or  
nuisances were dealt with ... 824



Nature of Inspection

	Number of Inspections
Animal Keeping	30
Bakehouses	3
Dairies	7
Drainage Works	81
Dwelling-houses (all purposes)	2,210
Infectious Disease Enquiries	7
Food Poisoning Enquiries	4
Food Premises	603
Offensive Trades	3
Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,318
Schools	5
Shops & Offices	174
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspection	831
Smoke Control	47
Caravans, etc.	48
Verminous & Dirty Premises	14
Water Supplies	3
Factories & Workshops	80
Rodent Control (including visits by Rodent Officer)	2,247
Other Inspections	839
TOTAL	8,554

Notices

INFORMAL	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	7	5
Issued during year	17	190
Complied with during year	23	192
Outstanding 31st December	1	3

STATUTORY	HOUSING	PUBLIC HEALTH
Outstanding on 1st January	1	2
Issued during year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	2
Outstanding 31st December	1	-



Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Licences renewed/issued	2
Visits to premises	2
Contraventions found	NIL

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

Number of premises registered for upholstering, etc.	1
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Special Classes of premises & Occupations subject to control.

Written consent to establishment of trade of Rag & Bone Dealer renewed. 1.

Written consent to establishment of trade of Fat Extractor, Fat Melter and Glue Maker in operation. 1.

Three inspections were made of these premises which were found to be satisfactory.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Rodent Officer, as other duties permitted, has proceeded with the routine inspection of the District. 2,247 Visits and Inspections have been made during the year, in routine survey of the District & treatment at premises. Infestations by rodents are treated free at dwelling houses; business & agricultural premises are charged for the service. Council properties are inspected regularly & treated as required.

Swimming Baths.

Regular tests of the Public Swimming Baths water were carried out. 91 inspections were made of the premises and plant. 6 bacteriological samples were taken; 5 were satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory. Resulting from this latter, attention was paid to minor defects of the treatment plant. A new circulating pump was installed.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

There are 4 licences operative in respect of single caravan sites, and 1 licence for a site for 40 residential caravans. No new licences were issued this year.

Living vans were removed from unlicensed sites on 5 occasions.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960.

Nuisance from industrial plant, laundrette equipment and standing lorries were dealt with informally and abated. Complaints of a further industrial noise nuisance were under investigation at the end of the year.



## THE INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Premises inspected	77
Inspections made	385
Informal Notices served	15
Informal Notices complied with	10

### Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

17 complaints of unsound food, or food containing foreign bodies were received & investigated fully.

Prosecutions were taken against a multiple grocery Company in connection with the sale of food containing beetles. For the offence under Section 2 of the Act the Company was fined £40 plus £5.5.0. costs. A further fine of £60 was imposed in respect of the premises (Section 23 of the Regulations).

A butcher who sold from his stall a pasty containing a cigarette end was prosecuted under Section 2 and fined £15 plus £7.5.0. costs.

### Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

These Regulations came into operation on 1st January, 1967. All the stalls within the district and a number of delivery vehicles were inspected and advice given. No exemption certificates were issued. At the end of the year 24 stallholders and 6 vehicles complied with the Regulations.

### Ice Cream.

Four premises were registered for the sale of ice cream, bringing the total number of registered premises in the district up to sixty-six.

### Milk: Dairies and Distributors.

Dairies registered	2
Distributors registered	7
Inspections made	22

### Milk: Sampling.

From August, 1967, there has been no milk produced in the district for sale as "untreated" milk. Before that date 2 samples were taken for biological and bacteriological examinations. These were satisfactory.

### Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned.

Meat at retail shops	100lb
Meat at wholesale premises	759lb
Cooked meat & meat products	228lb
Canned meats	90lb
Other canned foods	1,444lb
Fish	189lb
Other foods	722lb
	3,532lb



Meat & Other Foods.

The Council owns the abattoir and provides the facilities for a public slaughterhouse. 37,320 animals were slaughtered during 1967, all of which were examined before leaving the abattoir.

Carcases inspected and condemned:-

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	7,840	57	21	20,062	9,340
Number inspected	7,840	57	21	20,062	9,340
<u>All Diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	4	-	5	44	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3,486	20	-	692	754
Percentage of number affected with disease other than tuberculosis	44.5%	35.08%	23.8%	3.66%	8.17%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	15
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.04%	-	-	-	0.16%

Five carcasses were found to be infested with cysticercus bovis and were subjected to refrigeration, the affected organs being condemned.

Total weight of meat & offal condemned - 57,287 lbs (25 tons. 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lbs)

Meat Stalls

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 135

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 38

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of Inspections \_\_\_\_\_ 275



HOUSING

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	280
Number of inspections made for the purpose	495
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1

Houses demolished or closed in the period

<u>Housing Act, 1957</u>	<u>Houses</u>	<u>Number of Persons displaced</u>
Demolished	-	-
Closed as a result of closing orders or undertakings	-	-

REPAIRS in the period

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period		<u>Number of Houses</u>
(i) as a result of informal action by the Local Authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	66	
(ii) as a result of formal notices under Public Health Acts	-	

HOUSING ACT, 1949.

(a) Number of applications for improvement grants	6
(b) Number of applications approved	6
(c) Number of applications refused	-

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT, 1959.

(a) Number of applications received for standard grants	37
(b) Number of properties improved during year	44

New Houses

Houses completed during the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	-
(b) By private enterprise	153

Houses under construction at the close of the year:-

(a) By Local Authority	28
(b) By private enterprise	141

TOTAL number of Post War houses completed by:-

(a) Local Authority	623
(b) Private enterprise	1,370

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year

233

Number of applications received during the year

52

Number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939

319



OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The total numbers of registered premises at the end of 1967 were:-

Offices	49
Retail Shops	125
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	22
Fuel storage depots	2
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174 visits and inspections were made. All registered premises have received a general inspection. Follow-up and routine visits in 1967 indicated that occupiers were complying well with notices served in respect of contraventions. Standards were mainly good.

Contraventions were as follows, with 1965 and 1966 total figures in brackets for comparison:-

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Offices	5 (66)	3 (66)
Retail shops	13 (203)	10 (189)
Wholesale premises	- (1)	1 (-)
Catering establishments	1 (18)	13 (4)
Fuel storage depots	- (8)	- (8)
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	19 (296)	27 (267)
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Two accidents of a minor nature were reported during the year.

Persons employed in registered premises totalled 1,161 (483 male 678 female).

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

47 observations & inspections were carried out, 5 contraventions were dealt with informally.

2 notifications were received under Section 3 of intention to install furnace plant.

2 chimney heights were approved for planned new chimneys.



PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS:-

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- ions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	40	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	91	34	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sect. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	6	6	-	-
Total	133	80	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT  
Outwork  
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of Outworkers on List
Wearing apparel, making, etc.	15





